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Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of 24 December 2001, 57/253 of 20 December 2002, 57/270 A and B of 20 December 2002 and 23 June 2003, respectively, 62/189 of 19 December 2007 and 63/212 of 19 December 2008, and all other previous resolutions on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

Recalling also the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[1] Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[4] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] as well as the Monterrey Consensus of the International

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

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Conference on Financing for Development[6] and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,[7]

Reaffirming the commitment to implement Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[8]

Reaffirming the decisions taken at the eleventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development,[9]

Reiterating that sustainable development in its economic, social and environmental aspects is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities, and reaffirming the continuing need to ensure a balance among economic development, social development and environmental protection as interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development,

Noting that challenges remain in achieving the goals of the three pillars of sustainable development, particularly in the context of the current global crises, and convinced of the urgency of the challenges being faced and of the need for a bold, determined and innovative response to those crises, namely, one that protects the development gains of the past decades and accelerates progress towards sustainable development,

Welcoming the proposal to convene a world summit on sustainable development in Brazil in 2012,

Recalling the adoption of the Commission multi-year programme of work designed to contribute to advancing the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation at all levels,

Reaffirming that eradicating poverty, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development,

Recognizing that good governance within each country and at the international level is essential for sustainable development,

Recalling that the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation designated the Commission to serve as the focal point for discussion on partnerships that promote sustainable development and contribute to the implementation of intergovernmental

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[6] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[7] Resolution 63/239, annex.

[8] See resolution 60/1.

[9] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 9* (E/2003/29), chap. I.

commitments in Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation,

Recognizing that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, in particular for developing countries, and that although each country has the primary responsibility for its own sustainable development and poverty eradication and the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized, concerted and concrete measures are required at all levels to enable developing countries to achieve their sustainable development goals as related to the internationally agreed poverty-related targets and goals, including those contained in Agenda 21, the relevant outcomes of other United Nations conferences and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[10]

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council should increase its role in overseeing system-wide coordination and the balanced integration of economic, social and environmental aspects of United Nations policies and programmes aimed at promoting sustainable development, and reaffirming that the Commission should continue to be the high-level commission on sustainable development within the United Nations system and serve as a forum for consideration of issues related to integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development,

Welcoming the outcome of the seventeenth session of the Commission in respect of the thematic cluster of issues on Africa, agriculture, drought and desertification, land and rural development,[11] and reaffirming the need to implement the decisions and commitments contained therein,

Recalling that the thematic clusters of issues for consideration at the Commission's eighteenth and nineteenth sessions, namely, on transport, chemicals, waste management and mining, and on a ten-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, respectively, are interlinked and should be addressed in an integrated manner, taking into account economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, related sectoral policies and cross-cutting issues including means of implementation, as identified at the eleventh session of the Commission,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[12]

2. *Reiterates* that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities, in particular for achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and those contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

3. *Calls upon* Governments, all relevant international and regional organizations, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations funds and programmes, the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, the international financial institutions, the Global Environment Facility and other intergovernmental organizations, in accordance with their respective mandates, as well as major groups, to take action to ensure the effective implementation of and

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[10] See resolution 55/2.

[11] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 9* (E/2009/29), chap. I, sect. B.

[12] A/64/275.

follow-up to the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and encourages them to report on concrete progress in that regard;

4. *Calls for* the effective implementation of the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development and for the fulfilment of the provisions relating to the means of implementation, as contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

5. *Reiterates* that the Commission on Sustainable Development is the high-level body responsible for sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as a forum for the consideration of issues related to the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;

6. *Encourages* countries to present, on a voluntary basis, in particular at the Commission's review sessions, national reports focusing on concrete progress in implementation, including achievements, constraints, challenges and opportunities;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of a consensus outcome and action-oriented policy sessions;

8. *Encourages* Governments to participate at the appropriate level with representatives, including ministers, from the relevant departments and organizations working in the areas of transport, chemicals, waste management and mining and the ten-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, as well as finance, in the eighteenth session of the Commission;

9. *Recalls* the decision of the Commission at its eleventh session that activities during Commission meetings should provide for the balanced involvement of participants from all regions, as well as for gender balance;[13]

10. *Invites* donor countries to consider supporting the participation of representatives from the developing countries in the eighteenth session of the Commission, inter alia, through contributions to the Commission's trust fund;

11. *Reaffirms* the objective of strengthening the implementation of Agenda 21,[2] including through the mobilization of financial and technological resources, as well as capacity-building programmes, in particular for developing countries;

12. *Also reaffirms* the objective of enhancing the participation and effective involvement of civil society and other relevant stakeholders, as well as promoting transparency and broad public participation, in the implementation of Agenda 21;

13. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to coordinate the participation of the relevant major groups in the thematic discussions at the eighteenth session of the Commission and its Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting and the reporting on the fulfilment of corporate accountability and responsibility with respect to the thematic cluster of issues, in accordance with the provisions of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

14. *Reaffirms* the need to promote corporate responsibility and accountability as envisaged by the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

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[13] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 9* (E/2003/29), chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution I, para. 2 (j).

15. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to make arrangements to facilitate the balanced representation of major groups from developed and developing countries in the sessions of the Commission, and in this regard invites donor countries to consider supporting the participation of major groups from developing countries, inter alia, through contributions to the Commission's trust fund;

16. *Encourages* contributions by the regional implementation meetings and other regional events to the Commission at its eighteenth session;

17. *Reiterates the invitation* to the relevant specialized agencies, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the secretariats of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,[14] the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade,[15] and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal,[16] and other relevant organizations dealing with chemicals, United Nations funds and programmes, the Global Environment Facility and international and regional financial and trade institutions, as well as the secretariats of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa,[17] the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[18] and the Convention on Biological Diversity[19] (the "Rio conventions") and other relevant bodies, to actively participate, within their mandates, in the work of the Commission at its eighteenth session;

18. *Encourages* Governments and organizations at all levels, as well as major groups, to undertake results-oriented initiatives and activities to support the work of the Commission and to promote and facilitate the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21[1] and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including through voluntary multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in reporting to the Commission at its eighteenth session, on the basis of appropriate inputs from all levels, to submit thematic reports on each of the five issues contained in the thematic cluster of issues on transport, chemicals, waste management and mining and the ten-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, taking into account their interlinkages, while addressing the cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation identified by the Commission at its eleventh session, and also takes into account the relevant provisions of paragraphs 10, 14 and 15 of draft resolution I of the eleventh session of the Commission[3] as well as the overview of progress towards sustainable development; a review of the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

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[14] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2256, No. 40214.
[15] Ibid., vol. 2244, No. 39973.
[16] Ibid., vol. 1673, No. 28911.
[17] Ibid., vol. 1954, No. 33480.
[18] Ibid., vol. 1771, No. 30822.
[19] Ibid., vol. 1760, No. 30619.

20. *Decides* to organize, in 2012, a World Summit for the Follow-up on Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and, in this regard, accepts with gratitude the generous offer of the Government of Brazil to host this Summit; and also decides:

(a) That the Summit shall focus on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, including other relevant sustainable development issues, in order to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development;

(b) That the focus of the Summit, including its preparatory process, should ensure a balance among economic development, social development and environmental protection, as these are interdependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development;

(c) That, to this effect, it is important that there be early and effective preparations at the local, national, regional, and international levels by Governments and the United Nations system so as to ensure high-quality inputs;

(d) To invite relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations and international financial institutions involved with the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to participate fully in the twenty-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of Agenda 21, including in the preparation of reports for submission to the Preparatory Committee for the Summit, in order to reflect their experiences and the lessons learned and to provide ideas and proposals;

(e) To encourage effective contributions from, and the active participation of, all major groups, as identified in Agenda 21, at all stages of the preparatory process, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Commission on Sustainable Development, as well as its established practices related to the participation and engagement of major groups;

(f) That the Commission on Sustainable Development shall meet as the open-ended Preparatory Committee for the Summit and that its first meeting will be held for five days in 2010 immediately after the consideration by the Commission of the thematic cluster of issues for its eighteenth session, as part of the session, and that the Commission, acting as the Preparatory Committee, shall provide for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as other participants in the Commission, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 of 12 February 1993 and 1995/201 of 8 February 1995, in further discussions on the preparatory process, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a preliminary report in this regard;

(g) To request the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the state of preparations for the Summit for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session, taking into account preliminary discussions at the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee;

(h) That the Commission on Sustainable Development, acting as the Preparatory Committee, shall hold its second meeting, of five days' duration, in 2011 immediately after the consideration by the Commission of the thematic cluster of issues for its nineteenth session, as part of the session, and shall provide for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as other participants in the Commission, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 and 1995/201;

(i) That the Commission on Sustainable Development shall postpone its 2012-2013 cycle on forests, biodiversity, biotechnology, tourism and mountains by one year, to 2013-2014, and that the Commission, acting as the Preparatory Committee, shall hold its third and final meeting, at the ministerial level, in 2012, immediately preceding the Summit, and shall provide for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as other participants in the Commission, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 and 1995/201;

(j) That the regional implementation meetings shall be converted into regional preparatory meetings for the Summit and also decides to encourage the organization of these meetings at the ministerial level;

(k) To urge international and bilateral donors and other countries in a position to do so to support the preparations for the Summit through voluntary contributions to the trust fund and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries in the regional and international preparatory processes and in the Summit itself;

(l) To encourage voluntary contributions to support the participation of major groups of developing countries in the regional and international preparatory processes and in the Summit itself;

21. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the sub-item entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development", and requests the Secretary-General, at that session, to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.